

# The Lancaster News

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1913.

—Weather forecast for South Carolina: Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

New York or Philadelphia? That is the question.

How will the old man spend Father's Day, we wonder?

The farmer who raises his own hog and hominy need not worry about a meat famine.

Militants rush in "where angels fear to tread," even into the sacred precincts of Westminster.

Earthquake follows earthquake but the mighty works at Panama have so far withstood them.

Build more houses and see how fast you will rent them. Many newcomers are moving in and they must have homes.

When you sell your cotton remember that subscription you have long been owing and come by and settle for The News.

The circus is coming. Don't try to restrain the exuberance of the average kid, for a long time ago you were one yourself.

The mountaineers predict eight snows this winter, which reminds us, have you laid in your winter supply of wood and coal?

We would be glad to have weekly letters from every school in Lancaster county. What bright girls and boys will volunteer to write them?

"Had any chestnuts yet?" inquires The Greenville Piedmont. Yes, plenty of them. We read and sometimes reprint the jokes we see in the daily papers.

Those who advocate the light breakfast plan and who indulge in hard, dry cereals at the morning meal will doubtless hail the pop-corn preparation with delight.

Are you going to send any chickens to the poultry show in Columbia during Fair week? Remember Lancaster won several prizes last year and help her win more this fall.

Those suffragettes who are threatening still more violence unless they are included in the clergy's prayers probably do not realize as does the clergy how very much they need them.

If you haven't read "Polly Anna," go to the public library and get it, for this "glad book" will teach you the lesson of making the most out of life, no matter how you have been "up against it."

Well it is that the tariff got out of the way before the advent of the world's series this week. American enthusiasm never wants to be divided when the great American championship is on.

There are some October sunsets more beautiful than artists' brush ever painted. And these ever-changing, gorgeous pictures may now be seen at the close of each day if we look towards the western horizon.

The State has discovered that there are "some fine fences in South Carolina now with candidates on them, too." The fence seems to be a favorite perch for some South Carolina politicians who had better come down on one side or the other if they ever expect to get anywhere.

The Augusta Chronicle repeats an old saying to this effect: "Print pretty things fifty times about a man and you hear nothing. Cross him one time in the paper—then look

out." But isn't this the way of the world? We swallow all the pleasant things, taking them as our due, without even an acknowledgment, but our sensitive natures combat every criticism, however just.

Congressman J. Willard Ragsdale is the only real statesman his congressional district has had in a long time. His ability is being recognized at Washington, notwithstanding he is just beginning the service of his first term.

We suggest an old hymn that the people of Charleston might sing just at this time and that is "Amazing Grace." Won't The Charleston Post give the right pitch with the tuning fork and The News and Courier, as leader, take up the tune?

We wish to congratulate The Rock Hill Record on its excellent 32-page "York County Fair Edition," issued last week. It is an achievement of which any semi-weekly in the state might be proud and is a credit to the town as well as to its publishers.

The Newberry News and Herald is still harping on the split log drag. We agree with you, brother, it is the thing and the only way to bring about its general use is to keep on ringing it into the ears of the people in general and the county supervisors in particular.

The Anderson Mail makes the proud boast that "Anderson county can produce anything—even poetry." We, too, are proud of our infant industries and encourage every worthy undertaking, but are glad to report that the crop of poetry in Lancaster county is short, as usual.

The Spartanburg Herald says: "South Carolina is headed in the right direction. Restrictions will be thrown around the primary, because it is right that they should be. You can't fool all the people all the time." To which The Augusta Chronicle makes the apt reply: "But some of 'em do stay fooled a pow'ful long time."

A Georgia paper says, very wisely, "No, you cannot sit down and wait for prosperity to come after the tariff bill becomes a law. This new bill will be no help to the loafer. So pick yourself up and go to work." This bill, like all other legislation, is to help those who help themselves. All law calls for co-operation in its enforcement. Prosperity affects first of all those who have hastened the day of its coming.

The Anderson Mail is in error when it says, "Some of South Carolina's very best citizens have never been elected to the legislature and never will be." Time was when such men without suing or solicitation on their part were called from their talents and patriotism, to serve their county, state and the nation. And we will not despair that the time will come again when such men will be in demand.

## A JOLLY GOOD LOT.

"There is a Jolly street in Newberry. How anybody could have the courage to give a Newberry street a name of that kind is a mystery."—Rock Hill Herald.

"No mystery about it at all. Why should you think so? We are a jolly good lot over this way. Come over and we will prove it to you and take you down and show you this goodly community which has this good name."—Newberry News and Herald.

We agree with The News and Herald. There is "no mystery about it at all." We can understand perfectly after studying Mark Tapley, one of Dickens' leading characters in Martin Chuzzlewit, who was always hunting up an adverse environment in which he might be placed, where it would be a credit to him to be "jolly."

## WHISKEY AND THE PURE FOOD LAW.

It has been suggested to us by Sheriff John P. Hunter that if whiskey is included in the pure food law, and he understands that it is, why is there no United States officer authorized to seize all impure whiskey that comes here, and goes to other places in South Carolina? He believes that if all impure liquors were seized and destroyed we would then have just as good a prohibition law as we would need. But he says as the law now stands, giving everybody, regardless of character, who wishes to do so, the right to order whiskey and drink it, regardless of its purity, it is nothing less than an open door to hell; and that in his judgment it is quite time our United States senators and congressmen were looking after closing this open door, which so many are passing through.

We are glad to hear that the Pleasant Valley farmers are sowing so many acres in cover crops this fall. It will be well for those of other sections to follow their example.

## THE NEWS' MISSION.

The Rock Hill Herald, which is working early and late for the upbuilding of the "Good Town," spoke recently of what a progressive paper meant to a city and county and asked this question:

"What other agency, unless it be the chamber of commerce, is giving a large part of its efforts three hundred and thirteen days in each year, for this purpose?"

Subsequently The Newberry Herald and News, another journal which is doing real community service, went even further than its Rock Hill contemporary, saying that a "chamber of commerce is not in it with a live and good newspaper."

We need a chamber of commerce, and expect to keep on advocating the necessity of such a commercial body in Lancaster, but meanwhile we want our readers to know how others feel about the influence of a newspaper devoted to the "common good." We have such a newspaper, the only one published in Lancaster county, which, under its present editorial management expects to work constantly for the upbuilding of this town and county. We have yet to form a chamber of commerce, but we feel sure that sooner or later our people will see the importance of having one. At any rate, The News does not expect to give up until this dream of ours comes true.

The point, however, which we wish to make is that a live, aggressive journal is largely instrumental in bringing about such an organization, for it is usually through its efforts that the people of a community are aroused to action along those lines which make for co-operation and uplift. The Newberry paper is correct. This or any other journal which "keeps everlastingly at it" in unselfish work is its community's greatest asset. We believe that newspapers are influential and in our belief we do not stand alone. Even those who are disposed to discredit their power and influence tell us that newspaper publicity made such politicians as Ben Tillman and Cole Blease.

If then their creative powers are so great, can they not make something better, something which will redound to the lasting welfare of the people, serving them in good stead when office seekers are gone and forgotten? We believe that if they have power to make or mar political careers they can also do work of the real constructive sort, community welfare and uplift work, which will leave the world better than they found it. It is a long, slow process, this means of educating public sentiment, and it calls upon our patriotism, our sympathy, our love, our enthusiasm, our all. We give all freely and hope you will co-operate with us in our efforts to make this town and county better, more beautiful and more healthful, too. We want your assistance, your co-operation, your good will. But whether or not you help and encourage us, we expect to work on just the same, giving our best thought and effort to the upbuilding of the town and county.

## YOU MUST HELP HER TO GROW.

The Batesburg Herald, in exhorting the people of Batesburg to renewed efforts in behalf of that town, makes this statement, which we heartily endorse:

"This town may never be a Chicago or a New York, but it can be made to grow. If you have the impression that those cities grew entirely because of their geographical location, you are wrong. That helped, but it took conscientious work and perseverance to make them grow and keep them growing."

No town ever grew and developed without work and plenty of it. It takes tireless, devoted and patriotic service to build a town and city. Situation and natural advantages, of course, have to be considered, but with this in our favor, it is only left to our people, whether or not we are to grow as we should. Do you care to see Lancaster grow enough to put your shoulder to the wheel?

## JOIN THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Do you know that there is a wealth of interesting reading matter here in Lancaster to which you may have access for the payment of the small sum of one dollar a year? Probably you do not and in that case we wish to introduce you to the library. The building is located on Main street, between Arch and Church, just four doors from the First National Bank. Drop in sometime and look over the books. Then join the Library Association. By doing so you may add to your store of knowledge, besides helping a very worthy cause.

## A RECOVERY.

From Judge.

There was a "doc" in our town, Both wise and dignified; He cut a man's appendix out, But sewed his tools inside And when he saw his tools were gone, With all his might and main, He quickly ripped the basting threads And got his tools again.

## BACK AT US.

### Not an Editorial Sentiment.

We find this in The Lancaster News, which is edited by a young lady: "Some spinsters are unhappy because they have no men around to worry them."—Greenville Piedmont.

### Still Busy, Eh?

The Lancaster News wants to know "what has become of those guys who prophesied that the election of a Democratic President would bring on hard times, and that the passage of tariff and currency legislation would make cotton go down?" They are probably hunting some other argument with which to fight the Democratic administration.—Pee Dee Daily.

### Better Such Praise Than Flattery.

The Lancaster News complains that a contemporary reproduced on its editorial page three separate editorial paragraphs from its columns without giving credit therefor. The editorial paragraphs that appear in every issue of The News are so bright and to the point, that we are not surprised that some overworked brother grabbed a few of them and passed them off as his own. He ought not to have done it, but the fair editor of The News must remember that imitation is the sincerest flattery.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

## FROM OTHER PAPERS

The gins are taking their annual toll of hands and arms.—Dillon Herald.

There can't possibly be anything in a name when a locker club is never locked.—Greenwood Journal

The street department has done some wonderfully effective work this week with the split log drag.—Chester Reporter.

For square meals, soft beds, good digestions and clear conscience, there is no place that rivals Columbia.—The State.

Gamboa, who has been nominated for President of Mexico, is said to be a poet. We always suspected that there was more poetry than truth in Senor Gamboa.—News and Courier.

The President voted in the New Jersey primary. In a South Carolina primary he could have voted twice or half a dozen times, provided he had been so disposed.—The State.

President Wilson, according to seasoned newspaper correspondents, is showing more real leadership than any President Washington has seen in half a century, if not longer.—Greenwood Index.

The Lancaster News advises the sewing up of all hip pockets. Many a man in South Carolina has lost his life for putting his hand to his hip pocket while another man was standing nearby.—Abbeville Medium.

The Edgemoor farmer who has a large crop of corn ready to harvest isn't worrying over the fact that the Western crop is more than 500,000 bushels short. The fellow who followed the all cotton plan of farming this year is the one who is greatly disturbed over the situation.—Edgefield Advertiser.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who thought a woman should not have been engaged any oftener than he had been married, and that one marriage was enough for any woman?—Atlanta Journal.


A subscriber to The Piedmont submits the following: "If men would always look up, and not down, they would not have so much to say about what women wear." There might be something in it. Would bear thinking over anyhow.—Greenville Piedmont.

A rare assertion of justice, illustrating in striking mode the unreliability of summary conclusion and the danger to society of mob judgment has come about in the acquittal, after full and open trial, of the negro Will Fair, accused by a woman of Spartanburg, of a monstrous crime. The circumstances of the case are so unusual that they should be most thoroughly impressed and taken deeply to thought.—Charleston Post.

It is quite true that Mrs. Pankhurst was convicted of crime in England, and it is quite true that we bar the incoming of any person convicted of crime. But let Mrs. Pankhurst alone. She can do no harm, unless she attempts to humiliate American law. If she so attempts, let American law custodians do their duty. England made a serious mistake in not vigorously meeting the "militancy" of Mrs. Pankhurst and the others at the outset, at the beginning of their law-breaking. The United States will not make like mistakes.—Augusta Chronicle.

The Waxhaw boys are a fine lot. They are good workers and good straight fellows. But there are a few—a very few, thanks be—who won't go to school, who won't work, but who loaf around all day beating off the fellows who are some account. They beat cigarettes, and they beat papers and devour baseball dope by the hour. Here's to the dead beat: The sorriest, "no-countest" human in the world—or anywhere else.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

A young white man at Chattanooga who murdered his mother gets off with 90 days in the county workhouse because of the plea for him that he was drunk. Time was when courts and juries considered drunkenness in connection with crime a positive aggravation of that crime and an additional offence. Have we



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not gone entirely too far in conceding the right of any one who may have fired himself up with liquor or worked himself into fits of rage to do very much as he may please.—Charlotte Observer.

Any man or fish to hold his own in a current must swim up stream. There is no sort of thing as standing still unless one is dead. Anything that is still is dead of just about the same as dead. It is the same with a community. If it stands still it will suffer from the dry rot. It must go either forward or backward. It must either grow or disintegrate. Florence has reached a point where it will take some expenditure of energy on the part of those having interests here to move on, but it must move on. We would that there were a way to get the community on without pulling the drapes along with it, but no one has discovered such a way as yet, and those who work must work for themselves and for the drones also. There is no way to spur the drones to action that we know of and by the same token we do not know how to keep some people from slipping in the lime light and taking all of the honors to themselves when the fellows who are covered with sweat are getting ready to appear in public. The public must watch these things and be fooled less by sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. The men who really do things are rarely ever found asking for preferment for what they have done, and if they did so their work would lose its character as public spirited work but it is hard when one set of men do the work to have another set crowned for it. You do not want to see another fellow wearing your crown even if you did not want the crown yourself.—Florence Times.

## VOLCANOE IN ERUPTION.

Carpet the Ground of Alaskan Peninsula For Miles.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 6.—The brigantine Harriet G., Capt. J. A. McInnis, which arrived here today after a summer spent in Bering sea, brought word that volcanoes of the Aleutian range are in violent eruption. Ashes from the peaks covered everything and decks, carpeted the

ground of the Alaskan peninsula and spread a great smoky pall over the waters throughout the summer, members of the crew said. Mount Kaymal also has sent forth volcanic cinders.

"During the summer we were anchored in Port Holden, some 200 miles from Unimak," said Captain McInnis. "The grass on shore was covered with ashes and the sky was always overcast with heavy smoke. Although Unimak Island is usually covered with snow, we were surprised on the way down to find the snow covered with ashes. For 40 miles down the coast we traveled under the smoke cloud."

## Perfect Baby Contest at Charlotte Fair.

Special to The News.

Charlotte, Oct. 6.—At the request of the Charlotte Fair Association, the Women's Club of Charlotte, has decided to have a Perfect Baby Contest during the county fair, October 28. It is hoped that all babies under two years of age will be entered in the contest. These contests are being held all over the country and have been the means of great benefit to babies.

The state board of health is to hold such a contest in Raleigh during the state fair. Handsome prizes will be awarded to the most perfect babies.

Any mother interested in this contest may communicate with any of the committee. Mrs. I. W. Faison, chairman; Mrs. C. C. Hook, Mrs. Chas. E. Platt, Dr. Annie L. Alexander, Mrs. J. E. Rielly, at Charlotte, N. C.

## Sunday School Reorganization.

There will be a reorganization of the Sunday school at Camp Creek Baptist church next Sunday at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11. Also preaching at Antioch at 2:30 and at Bethlehem at 4 o'clock.

Oct 6, 1913. B. F. CARSON.

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